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FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO SC/ OBC STUDENTS FOR EDUCATIONAL PURPOSES
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government is giving any financial assistance to the students of SCs and OBCs for educational purposes, studying in rural areas, especially in Gujarat;

(b) if so, funds allocated and released for this purpose during 2004-05, State/ UT wise, especially to Gujarat;

(c) the funds actually spent by .these States/UTs during the said period; and

(d) the number of SCs and OBCs, students benefited from such schemes during the said period?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE & EMPOWERMENT (SMT. SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN)

(a) Government is assisting the States/UTs, including Gujarat, for providing scholarships to students of SCs and OBCs in rural and urban areas under the following schemes:-

(i) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Scheduled Castes

(ii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post-Matric Scholarship for Other Backward Classes

(iii) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Martic Scholarship to the Children of those Engaged in Unclean Occupations which includes mostly Scheduled Castes students.

(iv) Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Pre-Martic Scholarship for Other Backward Classes.

(b) to (d) Funds are not allocated State-wise but are released on the basis of anticipated expenditure of the State Governments/UT Administrations. The actual expenditure for a particular year under the schemes is reported in the next financial year. The State/UT wise financial assistance released and number of students anticipated to be covered during 2004-05 under the aforesaid schemes is given at annexure.